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In brief

Hurricane briefings

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight will conduct hurricane briefings in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season. All base personnel are strongly encouraged to attend and dependents are welcome. Briefings will be held at the Enlisted Club at 9 a.m. Tuesday and May 31. There will also be a briefing at the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group conference room at 2 p.m. Thursday. For more information and dates, call the CE Readiness Flight at 283-2010.

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... **30 days and counting**

What goes up ...

The U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team free-fall over Tyndall May 13. The team performed aerial demonstrations here for Gulf Coast Salute 2005. The jumpers free-fall at 120 mph while performing such maneuvers as the baton pass and the diamond track. For more on the open house, see Pages 12-13.



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

DOD recommends Tyndall realignment

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325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Department of Defense recommended realigning three organizations at Tyndall AFB in conjunction with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process.

The first realignment recommendation will move base-level F100 engine intermediate maintenance from Tyndall to establish a centralized intermediate repair facility for F100 engines at New Orleans Air Reserve Station, La., an Air National Guard unit. The F100 engine is used on Tyndall's assigned F-15C/D Eagle aircraft.

The second realignment recommendation brings base-level F-15 intermediate-level maintenance from Langley AFB, Va., to establish a CIRF for F-15 avionics at Tyndall AFB.

The final realignment recommendation affects one of Tyndall's associate units, the Air Force Research Laboratory. The action calls for moving AFRL's non-medical chemical biological defense research

to Edgewood Chemical Biological Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and consolidating it with AFRL.

According to the BRAC report, moving AFRL's mission will increase synergy, focus on joint needs, efficiently use equipment and facilities by collocating tri-service and defense activities performing functions in chemical-biological defense and medical research, development and acquisition.

The purpose of DOD's recommendations is to make the most efficient and effective use of all of the department's sources; to improve operational efficiency; to save taxpayer dollars; and to enhance the combat effectiveness of our military force.

"The Air Force took a hard, balanced look at its bases before making any closure or realignment recommendation," said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "Realigning specific Air Force missions will save billions of dollars, allowing the Department of Defense the opportunity to focus funds on maintaining and modernizing facilities needed to better support our

forces, recruit quality personnel, modernize equipment and infrastructure, and develop capabilities needed to meet 21st century threats."

The DOD recommendations will be forwarded to an independent BRAC commission, who then forwards its recommendations to President Bush for review and approval. From there, the president forwards his recommendation to Congress, and Congress has 45 legislative days to act on the commission report on an all-or-none basis.

After that time, the commission's base realignment and closure recommendations become law. Base officials are now reviewing these recommendations in order to assess the possible impact on base personnel and resources. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Local communities can address their concerns directly to the Independent BRAC Commission at one of their planned regional meetings. For more information on those meetings, contact the Independent BRAC Commission at (703) 699-2950 or (703) 299-2708.






Courtesy photo

Blown away

The Air Force Research Laboratory Force Protection Branch here recently detonated 500 pounds of explosive material in a minivan to simulate a car bomb. The branch conducts hundreds of explosive tests each year here to research and test protection equipment and material. For more on AFRL and its research, look for the story in next week's Gulf Defender.

Tyndall's weekend weather forecast

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| <p>Today</p> <p>Partly cloudy, isolated p.m. thunderstorms</p>  <p>High: 78 Low: 58</p> | <p>Saturday</p> <p>Mostly cloudy, isolated thunderstorms</p>  <p>High: 80 Low: 55</p> | <p>Sunday</p> <p>Mostly sunny, chance of p.m. thunderstorms</p>  <p>High: 81 Low: 58</p> |
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Courtesy of the 325th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

ON THE STREET

The Gulf Defender asks Tyndall Elementary students

What are you doing for summer vacation?



"I plan to read a lot of mysteries and go to theme parks with my family."

GIOVANNY BOSQUE
5th grade



"I hope to go swimming a lot, read some 'Star Wars' books and get ready for the fifth grade by studying math."

CODY SHEEHAN
4th grade



"We're going to Wild Adventures Park and to the beach, and I plan to read at home."

NICOLLE VALLE
3rd grade



"I'm going to play video games and climb trees. I also hope to see some car races."

KEVIN BARTOSBROCKIE
2nd grade

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Air Force officials send Armed Forces Day message

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – *The following is an Armed Forces Day message from Acting Secretary of the Air Force Michael L. Dominguez and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:*

“In the first presidential proclamation for Armed Forces Day in 1950, President Truman said the day ‘marks the first combined demonstration by America’s defense team of its progress ... towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality.’

“The theme of that first Armed Forces Day was ‘Teamed for Defense,’ expressing the new unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government – the Department of Defense.

“Through more than five decades our military members – Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines – have teamed with our civilian partners to build the greatest military in the world. This joint team is ‘Teamed for Defense’ like

never before and America’s Airmen are seamlessly integral to our joint force.

“More than 25,000 Airmen – active duty, Guard and Reserve – are deployed supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world.

On the ground, in the air and from space, Airmen bring overwhelming air and space power to bear for the joint team, for our nation, and for our allies in the war on terrorism.

“On the ground, our battlefield Airmen serve alongside infantry and spe-

cial operations units, directly integrating air and space power. Airmen from 16 different combat support skills are driving trucks, providing convoy secu-

rity, guarding prisoners and interrogating detainees. Airmen have refocused C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III airlift missions to reduce the number of convoys on Iraqi roads

by nearly 350 trucks a day.

“In space, we’re maintaining the continuous flow of communications, surveillance, precision navigation and targeting for the joint team. At home, we continue flying more than 6,200 sor-

ties annually, ensuring the security of our sky.

“Airmen are also providing security and stability operations on the Korean peninsula and counterterrorism support in the Horn of Africa. Following the tragic south Asian tsunami, Airmen flew more than 15 million pounds of food, supplies and equipment into the area.

“On this Armed Forces Day, America pays homage to our military men and women who have served and are serving our country so nobly on many fronts. Our Airmen and their families are extraordinarily committed to a cause much greater than themselves.

“If you wear the uniform of the United States military, be proud. You have earned the respect of a grateful nation. Thank you for your sacrifice, devotion and courage.

“We are honored to serve with you. May God bless each of you, your families and our great nation.”



MICHAEL DOMINGUEZ
Acting Secretary of the Air Force



GEN. JOHN P. JUMPER
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

SVS commander sees Air Force as ‘treasure trove of diversity’

LT. COL. MARC PICCOLO
325th Services Squadron commander

When I was growing up, I heard at least five different languages on almost a daily basis. In my house I heard some Italian and a few words of Polish every now and then. In the neighboring households I’d hear Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, and German.

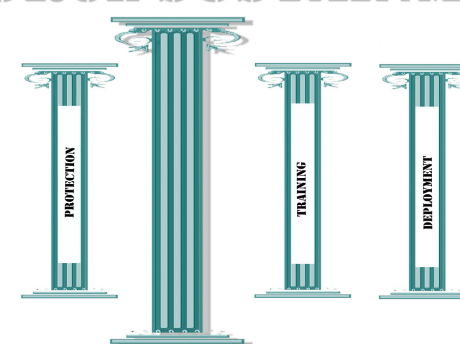
Our local community was populated with people from all over the world who had come to the United States seeking a better life. They were all very different and all very interesting in their own way. I used to hear stories about the “old country” all the time. These stories seemed to have a common ending. Although they missed their native land, they were all happier to be in the United States. It’s been said that one of America’s greatest strengths is its historical willingness to accept people from different backgrounds, and I’m sure my childhood neighbors would have agreed.

Back then I used to fall asleep on summer nights listening to Boston Red Sox baseball games on the radio. I’d hear names like Carl Yastremski, Luis Tiant, Bill Lee, Rico Petrocelli, Jim Rice and Juan Beniquez. It amazed me that a group of guys who came from so many different places, spoke so many different languages, had such different personalities and had such a variety of economic and social backgrounds could perform so well as a team.

That team had great talent, big dreams, a lot of determination and they weren’t afraid of a challenge. In 1975 the Red Sox gave their fans as much excitement as they could handle. That diverse group of ball players went all the way to the World Series—only to be denied a championship by Pete Rose and Cincinnati’s “Big Red Machine.”

I think my early introduction to diversity has a lot to do with why I enjoy the Air Force so much. In the Air Force, we place a high value on diversity. We cherish

FORCE SUSTAINMENT



it as a characteristic that makes our team stronger.

My squadron, the 325th “Services Clan,” is a treasure trove of diversity, as is the Air Force as a whole. In Services we’ve got an assortment of military, civil service and contract workers operating 35 very dis-

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Action Line



BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you’re not satisfied with the response or you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to

the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General’s Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more numbers that can help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

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| Commissary | 283-4825 |
| Pass and I.D. | 283-4191 |
| Medical and Dental | 283-7515 |
| MEO | 283-2739 |
| MPF | 283-2276 |
| SFS Desk Sgt. | 283-2254 |

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| Services | 283-2501 |
| Legal | 283-4681 |
| Housing | 283-2036 |
| CDC | 283-4747 |
| Wing Safety | 283-4231 |
| Area Defense Counsel | 283-2911 |
| Finance | 283-4117 |
| Civil Engineer | 283-4949 |
| Civilian Personnel | 283-3203 |
| Base Information | 283-1113 |

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

Wing wins award for seventh time

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

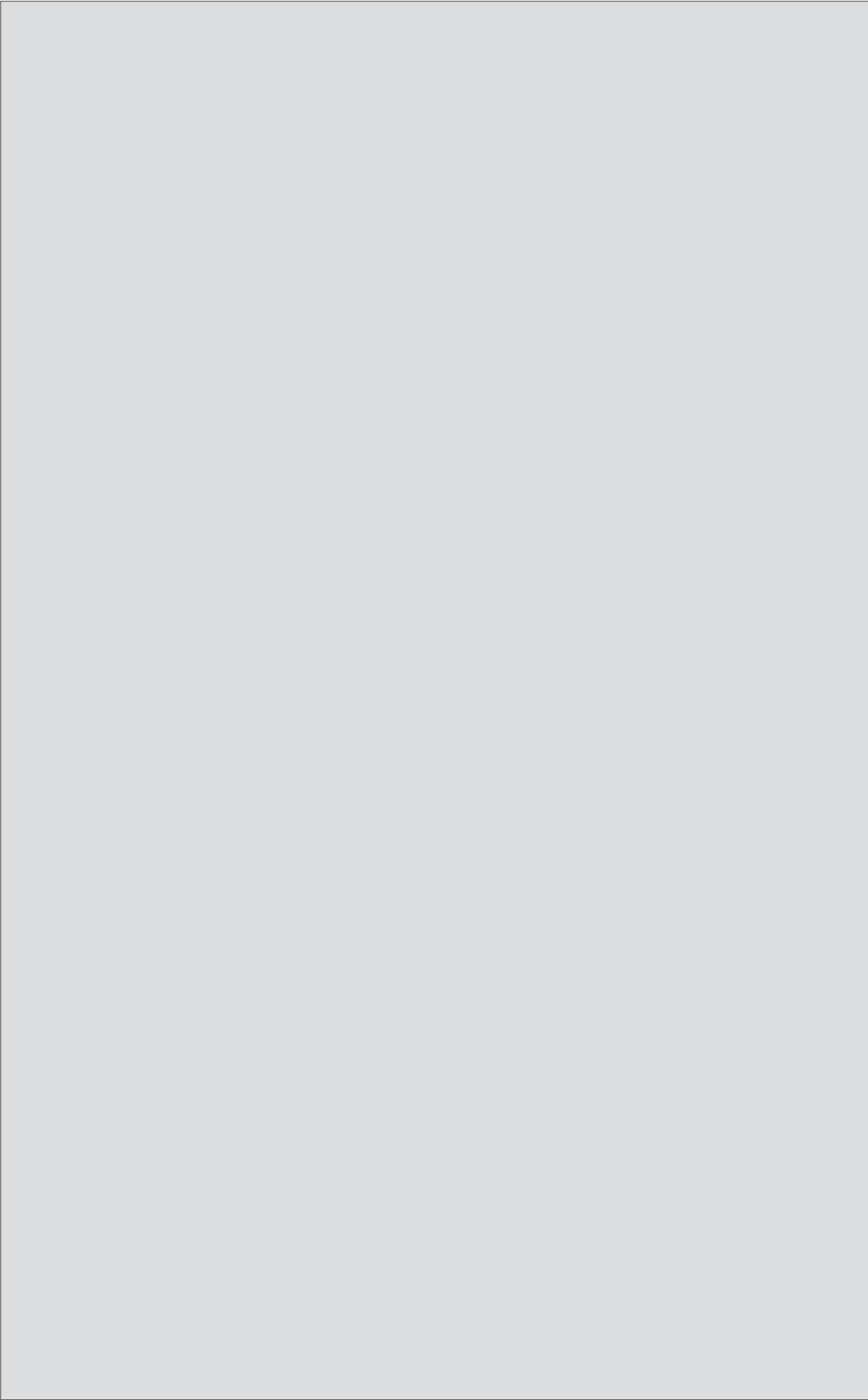
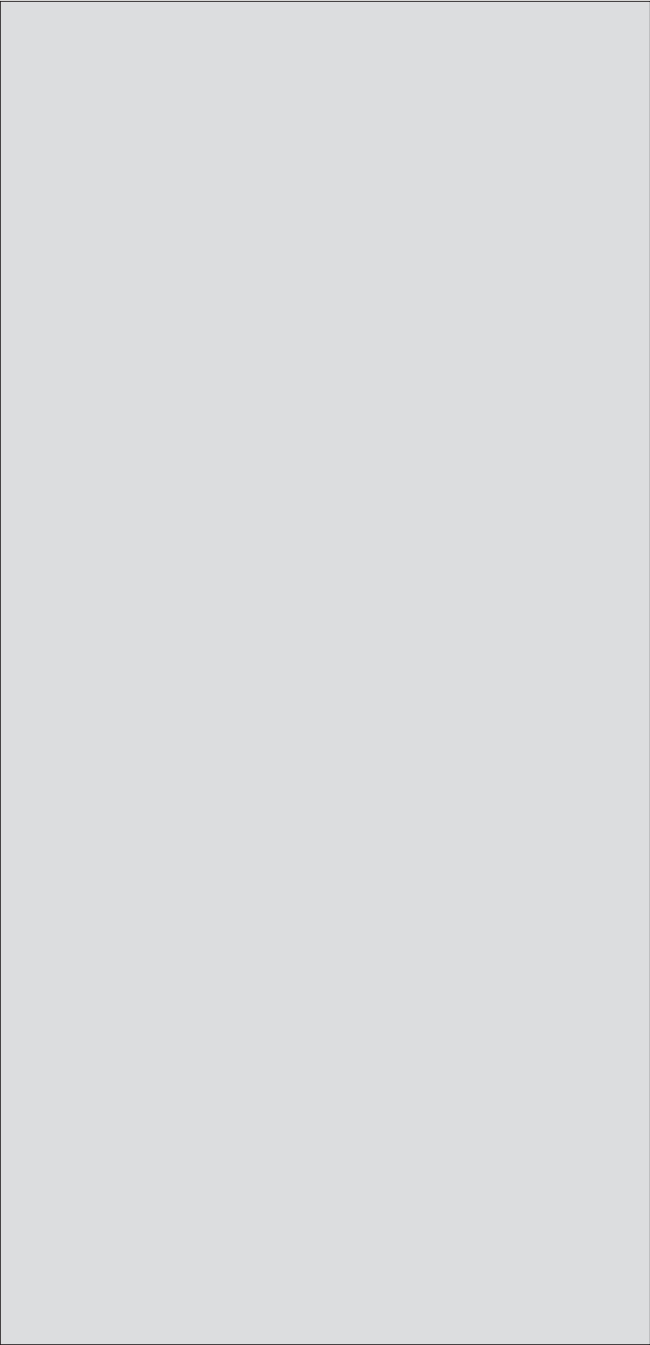
For the seventh time in Tyndall history, the 325th Fighter Wing has been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

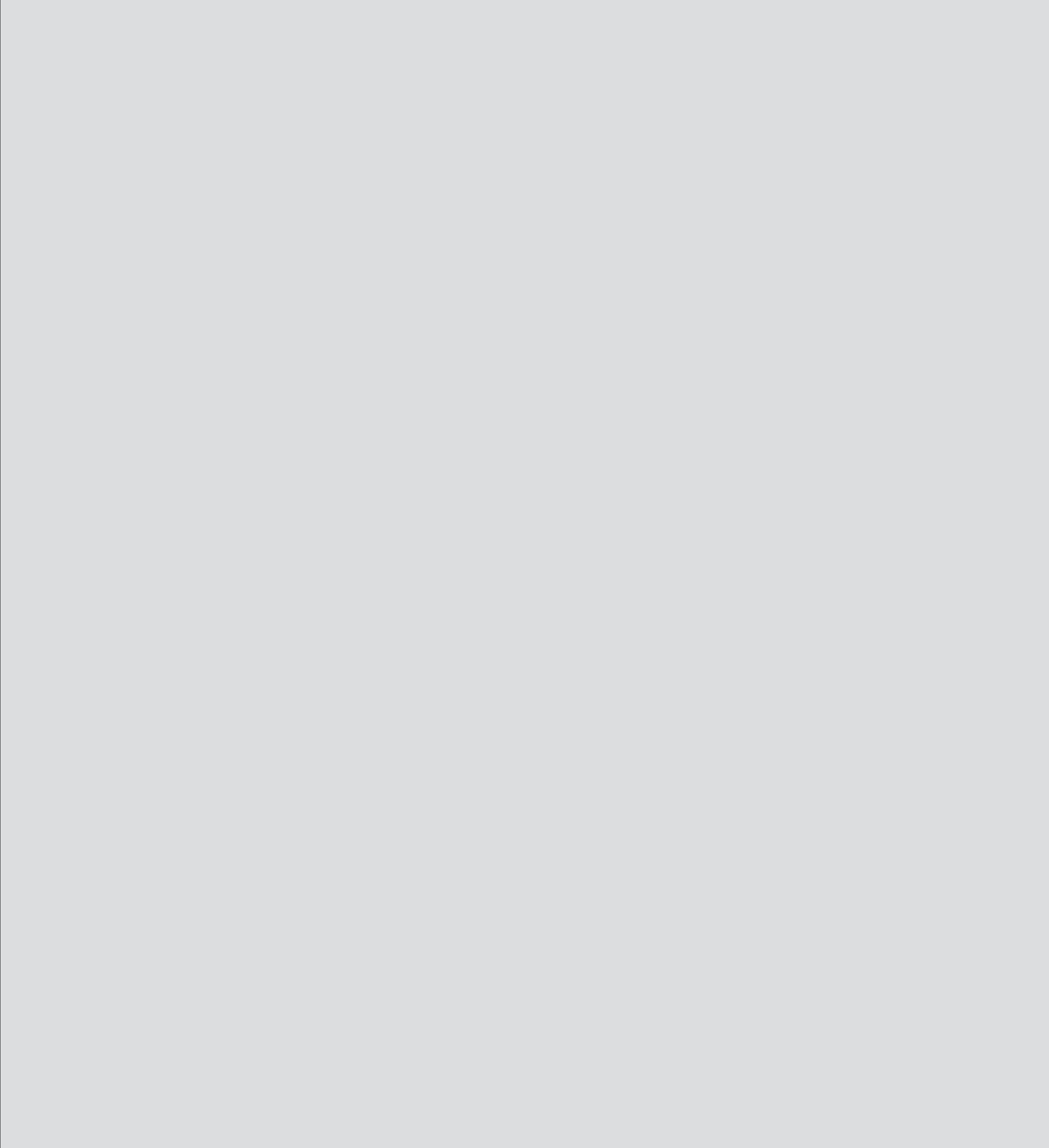
The award is available to all Airmen who served in the wing from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004. Since associate units are attached to other wings, no associate unit is included in this award.

“This Outstanding Unit Award just proves what I’ve always held to be true – Tyndall is home to some of the best Airmen in the Air Force,” said Brig. Gen. Jack Egginton, 325th Fighter Wing commander. “Our Airmen here take pride in the mission and they deserve to be recognized.”

The award will be automatically updated in each authorized person’s record.

Members can view their awards and ribbons online at the Virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site. Log on to <https://www.my.af.mil>.





Airman reflects on recent deployment

CAPT. BENITA ARCENEAX
325th Mission Support Squadron

With Air Expeditionary Force rotation 3/4 behind me, I'm reminded of what an awesome experience the deployment was for our Team Tyndall members who were deployed in support of operations at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.

Throughout the entire 120 days, Chaplain (Capt.) Hector Colon, 325th Fighter Wing chaplain, and I worked together to ensure our Tyndall counterparts were taken care of to the best of our abilities. We scheduled a few days to have breakfast, lunch and dinner with our deployed Tyndall Airmen to ensure their needs were met. Their responses were quite impressive as they talked about their accomplishments.

In total, eight members of Team Tyndall worked to fulfill the needs of fellow deployed Airmen from around the globe in a variety of ar-

eas and brought comfort to the citizens of the region.

For example, Staff Sgt. Travis Nelson, 325th Mission Support Squadron NCO in charge of out-bound assignments and formal training, dedicated a lot of his time to sorting and packing tons of boxes of school supplies from around the world, which were sent to Kirkuk through "Operation School Supply." Through the program, Sergeant Nelson had the opportunity to personally deliver much-needed school supplies to some of Iraq's children.

Additionally, Staff Sgt. Benito Colon, 325th MSS personnel readiness technician, stood-up a 30-plus member honor guard, which performed more than a dozen ceremonies during his time there.

We also supported our own troops while there with many morale events, including bazaars and Saturday night bingo. There was always something for our Airmen

to get involved in.

As the Personnel Support for Contingency Operations team chief, I want to salute my fellow deployed Tyndall Airmen. They did an outstanding job, not only as PERSCO team members, but also as Airmen and ambassadors for Tyndall. Additional members were: Master Sgt. Keith Wade, 325th MSS personnel systems superintendent; Master Sgt. Matthew Standish, 325th Air Control Squadron first sergeant; Master Sgt. Edward Best, 325th Fighter Wing Safety Office NCO in charge of ground safety; Staff Sgt. Justin Tabert, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection crew chief; and Senior Airman Robert Huskey, 325th CES fire protection driver/operator.

Finally, I want to thank the entire Tyndall community for its support. Being away from family and friends is difficult, but the support we received made our time away a little more bearable.

Congratulations to Tyndall's major selects!

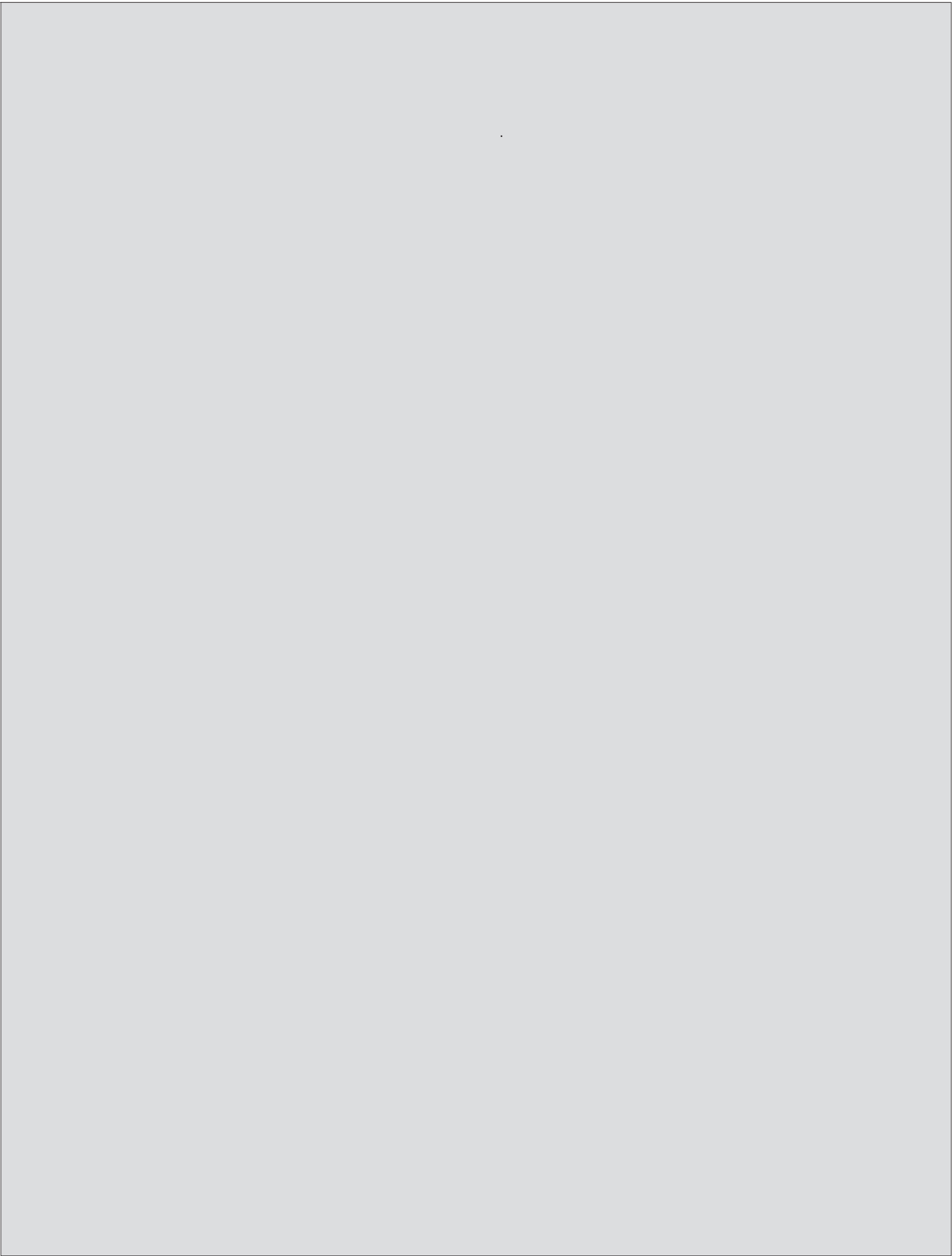
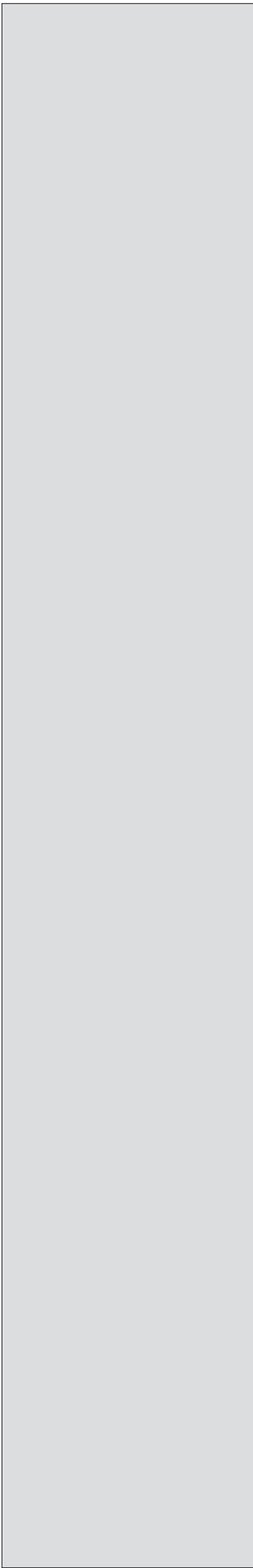
325th Fighter Wing

Shawn Anger, 43rd FS
Alexander Archibald III, 325th.SFS
Clayton Bartels, 43rd FS
Larry Broadwell Jr., 1st FS
Michael Cabral, 43rd FS
Michael Casey, 1st FS
Scott Davis, 1st FS
James Donkin, 325th ACS
Robert Fudge, 325th MXS
Jeremy Jenness, 2nd FS
David Lopez, 43rd FS
Andrew Merkle, 2nd FS
Marcelo Morales, 325th OSS
Jerald Perryman, 95th FS
Jason Rudd, 325th OSS
Gregory Soderstrom, 2nd FS
Philip Stodick, 2nd FS
Brian Swyt, 325th OSS
David Vetter, 95th FS
James Zick, 325th MOS



Associate Units

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Paul Baker, Det. 1, 325th FW
Raymond Besson, Det. 1, 325th FW
Ian Boyd, Det. 1, 325th FW
Gabriel Cabrera, Det. 1, 325th FW
Joseph Cassidy II, 82nd ATRS
William Cusick, Det. 1, 325th FW
Johan Deutscher, 366th OSS
Thoedore Downs, Det. 1, 325th FW
Jay Gibson, 83rd FWS
Alexander Haddad, 12th FS
Ronald Hoffmeyer, Det. 1, 325th FW
Tammieli Langley, Det. 1, 325th FW
Christopher Mallory, Det. 1, 325th FW
Denise McAllister, 1st AF
Jiro McCoy, 23rd FTS
Michael Merritt, 1st AF
Scott Minton, Det. 1, 325th FW
Carl Mullen II, 23rd FTS
Arvid Opry, Det. 1, 325th FW
Erik Sell, AFCEA
Mark Slaton, Det. 1, 325th FW
Jeffrey Ward, SEADS



From heaven to earth: Eagle pilot joins convoy mission

CAPT. ED EKPOUDOM
Multinational Forces-Iraq Strategic Communications

BAGHDAD, Iraq — For Maj. Harlie Bodine, a typical day at the office is spent at 25,000 feet ensuring the Air Force maintains air supremacy and dominance over the battlefield. The F-15C Eagle instructor pilot’s job is to train student pilots to detect, acquire and destroy enemy aircraft while operating in friendly or enemy-controlled airspace.

So when the assistant director of operations assigned to the 95th Fighter Squadron at here recently found himself providing perimeter security for his convoy on one of Baghdad’s busiest highways, Major Bodine said he realized just how much he’s had to change his focus since arriving in Iraq on an Air Expeditionary Force deployment.

“My mission at home (Tyndall) is air dominance,” he said. “I’ve never really had to focus on what was happening on the ground.”

Major Bodine has been deployed here as an Iraqi Survey Group liaison officer to Multinational Forces-Iraq and was

recently reassigned to the MNF-I Combined Intelligence Operations Center as chief of future operations. The recently disbanded Iraqi Survey Group led the efforts to uncover the former regime’s banned weapons programs since June 2003 and also supported the counter-insurgency mission here. In his role as an ISG LNO, Major Bodine served as a conduit of information between the survey group and MNF-I, which oversees all Coalition Operations in Iraq.

“My job has been to ensure timely, accurate information flow between the ISG and MNF-I. With my transition to the CIOC, I will now be in charge of planning and coordinating all intelligence collection missions run by the CIOC.”

There are no F-15C Eagle units currently assigned to the U.S. Central Command area-of-responsibility, so the 12-year Air Force veteran had to volunteer for duty in Iraq.

“I was looking for a way to serve and contribute to Operation Iraqi Freedom, so I volunteered for a non-flying staff position,” he said.

For the past two months, Major Bodine has worked out of



Courtesy photo
Maj. Harlie Bodine looks over the city of Baghdad, Iraq, from a helicopter during his recent tour there.
the strategic operations center at MNF-I headquarters with occasional trips back to ISG headquarters, but his job some

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Airmen share Asian/Pacific culture through dance

STAFF SGT. BENJAMIN ROJEK

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

What do hula and Thai dancing have in common?

Well, during the Asian/Pacific Heritage committee's Food Tasting Extravaganza, they will both serve as glimpses into cultures Tyndall Airmen may not know a lot about.

Airmen 1st Class Christina McKee and Joana Killoren, both with the 325th Fighter Wing command post, will perform Thai and hula dances at the food tasting Wednesday at Chapel 2. But don't expect amateur night. These two women have been performing dance for quite a while.

For Airman McKee, it all started 17 years ago in Fort Walton Beach. Her mother, a native Thai, had moved there in 1985 with Airman McKee's father, an Airman. Mrs. McKee made sure her daughter was raised around the Thai culture, and got involved with the Thai community in the area.

"When I was 6 years old, a friend of my mom taught girls how to Thai dance," said Airman McKee. "I was the only one of my friends who continued with it after we got older."

She said her mother would watch her

practice dancing at home and would teach her how to move her hands softer, how to hear the music.

"You just do the dance," she said. "You feel it."

"With Thai dancing," she continued, "you express by movements and facial expressions what the song is saying. And you have to smile big time."

Thai dance is not just the movements, though. According to Airman McKee, the songs are also expressed through the elegant, detailed costumes. The dancers wear bright colors on Thai silk, hair ornaments and make-up, and they dance barefoot.

"It's like being a princess," she said.

But she's not the only one dressing up.

Airman Killoren, who is learning Thai dancing, is a professional hula dancer. Born in Guam, she moved between the large island and Tinian, a small island with about 300 locals. Hotels and casinos were built on Tinian, which is where she made money and honed her skills as a hula dancer.

"I learned how to dance when I was 7 years old," said Airman Killoren. "I was taught by a woman who was a certified hula dancer, but she wasn't allowed to certify others."

She wasn't considered a professional dancer until she was certified at 14 years old. From then on, she had a rigid routine of dance practice every day, for hours at a time. And it was through hula dancing that she was able to share her culture with the world and learn about what lay outside Tinian.

"I traveled to China and Japan, and the islands of Palau, Rota and Saipan," she said. "I was able to learn a lot about different cultures while traveling. The Japanese culture was very interesting to me."

However, it was a trip to perform in Washington, D.C., that taught her about America.

"The people of Tinian are not completely familiar with American politics and history," said Airman Killoren. "(The trip to Washington) was my first experience with American culture."

Although Airman McKee and Airman Killoren joined the Air Force for different reasons, both enjoy the diversity and acceptance of the military.

"Being in the military has taught me so much – like how sheltered I was," said Airman Killoren. "Living on such a small island, you don't get to see a lot of the world."

"I really like how everyone in America



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

Airmen 1st Class Joana Killoren and Christina McKee, both with the 325th Fighter Wing command post, practice some dance moves recently. Airman Killoren has performed hula professionally around the world, and Airman McKee has performed Thai dance while competing in pageants.

is from different cultures," said Airman McKee. "When there is cultural diversity, you are able to learn about different people, lifestyles and histories. Everyone has something to bring to the table."

Congratulations ALS graduates!

(Editor's note: The following senior airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School Tuesday.)

Joseph Dietz, 83rd FWS
Jacquelyne Huie, 81st RCS
Natashia Nikolao, 325th ACS
Jared Henry, 81st RCS
Margarita Cuevas, 325th CONS
Joshua Darting, 372nd TRS/Det. 1
Michael Kell, 372nd TRS/Det. 1
Chrystian Gonzalez, 325th AMXS
Klexton Jett II, 325th AMXS
Scott Webb, 325th CS
Jared Trumbower, 325th AMXS
Nicholas Thomas, 325th AMXS
Albert Lamas III, 372nd TRS/Det. 1
Derrick Drennan, 325th SFS
Damon Montagano, 325th MXS

Andrew Greer, 325th AMXS
Garrett Baker, 325th MXS
Scott Hebard, 325th MOS
Benjamin LaBarge, 325th CES
Harold Muniz-Ruiz, 823rd RHS/Det. 1
Raymond Dempsey, 325th AMXS
Cody Bruinsma, 325th AMXS
Eric Cadorette, 325th AMXS
Bandeale Howes, 325th MXS
Robert Price, AFCEA
Rodrigo Vener, 325th ADS
Nina Butler, 325th AMXS
John Salzman, 115th MXS
Nicholas Stehling, 115th AMXS
Mandy Joens, 155th MSF

Class award winners:

John L. Levitow: John Salzman
Leadership Award: Derrick Drennan
Academic Award: Michael Kell

Distinguished Graduates: Bandeale Howes
Michael Kell

Black bears on Tyndall

People on Tyndall are not in danger with these bears on base. Bears are shy creatures that typically avoid confrontation with humans. The best thing people can do is stay away from the bears and do not feed them. Intentional feeding is illegal and violators can be arrested and fined.

However, there are some unintentional food sources that residents on Tyndall leave around every day. The following items attract bears and must be stored in a secure place:

- Garbage cans
- Bird feeders
- Pet food and pet food dishes
- Squirrel and other wildlife feeders
- Barbecue grills and smokers
- Livestock feed
- Compost piles
- Beehives

If a bear has become a nuisance in your neighborhood, call 325th Civil Engineer Squadron Natural Resources at 283-2641 or 283-2822. After hours, call 325th Security Forces at 283-2254.

New pin honors 'unsung heroes'

JODIE SCHWARTZ

325th Mission Support Squadron

May is Military Spouse Appreciation Month, and it is also a time where Air Force members can thank their spouses for their unfailing support with a Guardians of Freedom Spouse Pin.

In our nation's recent history, thousands of servicemembers have been placed in harm's way as they stood watch as freedom's guardian. The military spouse is frequently the unsung hero standing watch on the home front, facing challenges alone and providing continuous, dedicated support to our deployed military.

The military spouse makes difficult sacrifices of his or her own, and have called upon inner reserves to nurture family life so that the servicemember can focus on the business at hand. Military spouses willingly pack up and relocate countless times, and are frequently separated from their own parents and siblings for several years at a time.

Often the Air Force spouse is placed in unfamiliar ethnic or cultural settings, or a re-

mote location. They meet this challenge with confidence and pride and likewise extend a welcome hand and hospitality to visitors to our country.

Air Force leadership has launched a service-wide program to help recognize the valuable services provided by spouses through the Guardians of Freedom Spouse Pin. The pin, featuring a blue star cradled in the Air Force symbol, is a contemporary adaptation of a wartime tradition. Beginning with World War I, families hung service flags in their windows to display a blue star for each family member serving in the Armed Forces.



Airmen can show their appreciation of their Air Force spouse by giving him or her an Air Force Spouse Pin in appreciation of their sacrifices and dedication. In addition to the pin, spouses will receive a personalized letter from Air Force leadership. All Airmen (active duty, Guard or Reserve) are able to participate in the program. For more information or to order the pin, see the Guardians of Freedom Web site at www.yourguardians-offreedom.com.

Congratulations to Tyndall's newest re-enlistees!

SSgt. Charles Brooks
SSgt. Ferdinand Brown
MSgt. Vincent Brown
SrA Richard Burton
SSgt. Tracey Carroll
TSgt. James Crosson
TSgt. Brian Fleming
SSgt. Emily Gazzaway
SrA Travis Glick
SrA Richard Haley
SrA Ralph Heard
SSgt. Charles Hernandez
TSgt. Christi Higgins
SrA Steven Hirzel
SSgt. Wayne Hulse
SrA Patrick Jordan
SSgt. Douglas Jones
TSgt. Tod Keiffer
SrA Gordon Lam
TSgt. Miguel Lang
SrA Alan Leiby
SSgt. Frederick Madison
SrA Brian Manning
SSgt. Arnold Monsale
SSgt. Johnny Morris
SrA Jonathan Morris

SSgt. Corey Murray
SSgt. Christopher Myers
SSgt. Tommy Nixon
SrA Randal Ogozalek
SSgt. Michael Ostiguy
SSgt. Jeffrey Pastva
SrA Andrew Poist
SrA Derek Robeson
MSgt. James Robertson
TSgt. Guadalupe Rodriguezvaldez
SSgt. Michael Rose
TSgt. Sheryl Rudzewicz
SrA Prentice Sanders
SSgt. Richard Schantz
SrA Susan Sheehy
SrA James Smith
SSgt. Derek Snyder
SrA Paul Szymanski
MSgt. Darrin Todd
CMSgt. Dana Truesdell
SSgt. Antonio Valente
SSgt. Bobbie Walden
TSgt. Gina Watson
SrA Scott Webb
SSgt. Jeremy Wheeler
SrA Joseph Young

Checkertail Salute

Tech. Sgt. Brady Chieffi



Lisa Norman

Sergeant Chieffi receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Chieffi, 325th Medical Support Squadron medical material NCO in charge. He was the focal point for flu vaccine acquisition and distribution, protecting 7,500 Tyndall personnel. Sergeant Chieffi also spearheaded Operation Candy Cane, delivering more than 3,500 candy canes to deployed personnel in Iraq.

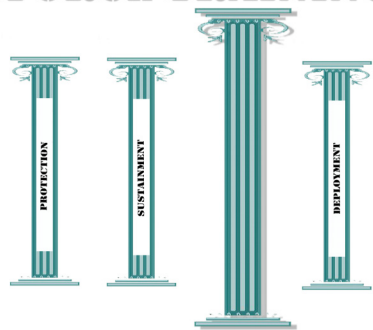
Duty title: Medical material NCO in charge
Time on station: Ten months
Time in service: Twenty years, eight months
Hometown: Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.
Hobbies: Art, music, collecting toys and antiques
Goals: To be successful in anything I do
Favorite movie: "Robots"
Favorite book: "Dante's Inferno"
Favorite thing about Tyndall: My job
Pet peeves: Dishonest people
Proudest moment in the military: Winning this award

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

The Gulf Defender is published for people like Airman 1st Class Matthew A. Helton, 325th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter.



FORCE TRAINING



Training Spotlight

What was it like to launch your first jet?

“It felt great when I saw the jet in the air, because I knew I put it there.”



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NICK TAMM
372nd Training Squadron/Detachment 4
Mission Ready Airmen student

Knowing is half the battle for intel students

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH McDOWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

(Editor's note: This is the third of a four part series highlighting the Intelligence Flight Training Unit here.)

It is said that knowledge is power, and in the life of intelligence personnel, the saying is a fact.

The third week of the F-15C Eagle Intelligence Formal Training Unit course here puts the finishing touches on what students learned during the first two, as it teaches them how to convey the knowledge they have learned about the F-15Cs systems and capabilities.

“The training during the first two weeks of class was more focused on the characteristics and capabilities of the F-15C, and now the focus has shifted more towards skills and knowledge pertaining to briefing and debriefing pilots for the missions they will fly in combat,” said 2nd Lt. Christian Fisher, 325th Operations Support Squadron IFTU student.

During their third training week, intelligence students put their training to work as they gather and evaluate information in order to write a mission report for pilots.

“A mission report is an intelligence report that is written based on a pilot's debrief,” said Staff Sgt. Ramon Martinez, 325th OSS IFTU instructor.

This report combines information from the pilot's flight, such as air engagements, communication problems or surface fires and is given to wing level intelligence for analysis to better the next mission, said



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Staff Sgt. Ramon Martinez, 325th Operations Support Squadron F-15 intelligence instructor, simulates being a pilot who gives Tech. Sgt. Ron Delicath and 2nd Lt. Tyson Wetzel, both F-15 intelligence students, a debrief of a recent mission.

Sergeant Martinez.

This is the biggest piece of the week in which the students' central focus is on combat mission planning. During CMP, students learn about air tasking orders, special instructions, evasion and recovery materials, debriefing and pre-mission briefings, said Staff Sergeant Ryan Roush, 325th OSS IFTU instructor. And, unlike the previous weeks of academics, the third is mostly hands on.

“Each week has built upon the knowledge we have gained in the previous week, so with every lesson we are taught, every test we take or briefing we give, we are better prepared for the challenges that lie ahead,” Lieutenant Fisher said.

And, in the operational field, there are

many challenges that lie ahead for intelligence personnel, because they are expected to provide vital information to warfighters.

“They (learn to) use that information to warn or inform other pilots what's going on in the war,” Sergeant Martinez said. “They will especially tell pilots who are next to fly in that threat area.”

Teaching students how to gather and properly convey this information accurately is the point of the class.

“The knowledge that I have will help me to be a bridge between the world of the pilot and the intelligence community, two worlds that operate in considerably different ways,” Lieutenant Fisher said. “I look forward to putting these skills to work.”

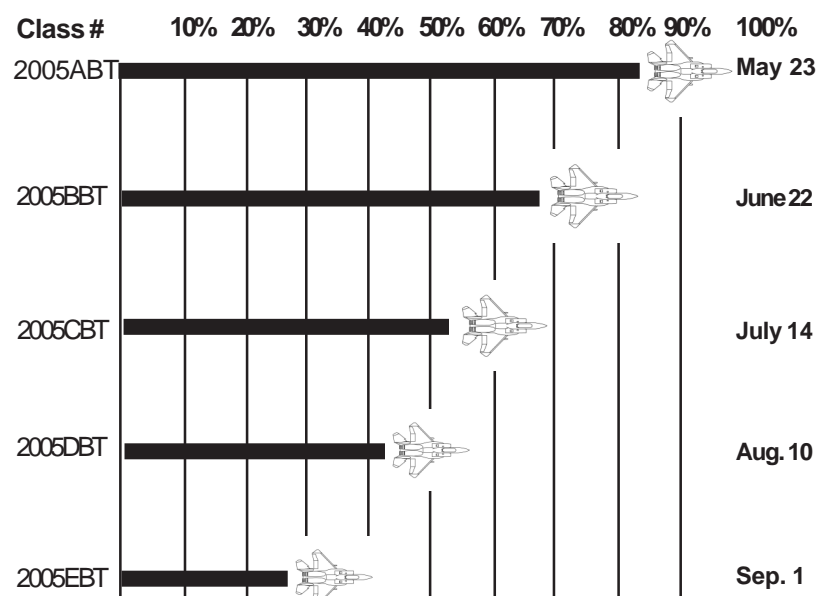
International house of handshakes

Col. Timothy Merrell, 325th Operations Group commander, extends well wishes to graduates of the International Theater Air Operations Course (Class 05003) Tuesday, after their graduation ceremony in the 325th Air Control Squadron auditorium. The eight graduates represented the air forces of Jordan, Morocco, Egypt, Israel, Singapore and Thailand.



Steve Wallace

F-15 Eagle B-Course progress chart





Lisa Norman

Neal Darnell, in his “Flash Fire” Jet Truck, prepares to blaze down Tyndall’s runway Saturday. Mr. Darnell excited the crowd twice each day by demonstrating the speed and power of his truck. The jet engine produces more than 12,000 pounds of thrust, which accelerates the truck to speeds exceeding 350 mph.



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Above: Patty Wagstaff demonstrates her aerobatic skills as she pilots her Extra 300S upside down towards a banner held up by her assistants. Right: An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the California Air National Guard’s 144th Fighter Wing in Fresno, Calif., demonstrates the jet’s agile combat maneuver capabilities for the crowd Saturday.



1st Lt. Albert Bosco

Gulf Coast Salute 2005:

North America’s defenders showcase military might, skill

The headlining act of Gulf Coast Salute 2005, the Canadian Forces’ Snowbirds May 12 here. The team formed in 1972, and has performed for more than 1

MASTER SGT. MARY McHALE
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 21,000 visitors viewed aerial demonstrations and visited ground displays during Tyndall’s annual Gulf Coast Salute Saturday and Sunday.

Themed “A Salute to North America,” the open house featured a variety of attractions to include the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute demonstration team, the Canadian Forces’ SkyHawks parachute team, the Canadian Force’s Snowbirds aerial demonstration squadron and a variety of other demonstrations and static displays.

Each of the parachute teams performed flag jumps as their nation’s national anthem played to officially open the show Saturday.

During the free-fall portion of their show, two Golden Knights exchanged a baton to demonstrate control of flight as they hurtle at speeds up to 120 miles per hour. At the end of their afternoon performances, the Golden Knights presented the batons to Tyndall members to thank them for their help with the show.

Master Sgt. Benjamin Rausa, 325th Maintenance Squadron, received the first baton after the special show May 13. Capt. Charleen Barlow, 325th Services Squadron, received the baton on Saturday and the Golden Knights handed the baton to 2nd Lt. Dave Paolillo, 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, after the show Sunday.

When visitors’ eyes weren’t skyward, they could view and walk through several static displays parked along the flightline. These displays ranged from World War II vintage aircraft like the B-17 Flying Fortress and P-40 Warhawk to the newest aircraft in the Air Force inventory, the F/A-22 Raptor. Visitors also got a close-up view of some of the larger Air Force assets with a walk through the C-5 Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III.

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2nd Lt. William Powell

ds, performs a pre-show aerial demonstration
16 million spectators across North America.

little visitors, there was Jay Jay the Jet Plane and
to Aviation, where children rode along a “flight path”
A hangar full of activities also kept the children enter-
ncy slides and houses and project tables.

displays were military. One of the event highlights
ell’s ‘Flash Fire’ Jet Truck. Performing twice each
and his Chevy S-10 pickup truck, modified with a
-34-48 jet engine, wowed the crowd as he slowly
to the end of the runway, shooting smoke and flames
one in preparation for his six-second rocket ride down
speeds greater than 300 mph.

re also treated to spectacular aerobatic performances
g performers such as the Red Eagle demonstration
formed twice daily, Eric Beard’s “Russian Thunder”
demonstration by the “First Lady of Aerobatics,”

w was excellent and Patty Wagstaff was awesome,”
er, a GCS 2005 attendee. “We will be back next year.”
alute each day were the Canadian Forces’ Snow-
jet aerial demonstration squadron is celebrating its
y this year. The crowd’s appreciation for their per-
pparent as people waved and gave thumbs up to the
ck after their performances.

said Donavan Foster, a young visitor from Panama
ked it when they flew up and did a circle.”
r. was here from Louisville, Ky., for the third straight
ed the show both days.
ariety,” he said. “You get to see things that you nor-
to see, like the F-4 flying alongside an F-15.”



Lisa Norman

Two Snowbirds perform a high-speed pass with minimum
separation during the show Sunday. The team often flies less
than four feet from each other during their unique formations.



Lisa Norman

The Canadian Forces’ SkyHawks perform a three-man
formation to demonstrate the team’s precision and skill
while parachuting. The SkyHawks have performed for
more than 65 million people all across the world since 1971.



Lisa Norman

A B-2 Spirit stealth bomber from the 509th Bomb Wing at
Whiteman AFB, Mo., soars through the sky Saturday as
it flies over the Tyndall runway.



2nd Lt. William Powell

Gene McCall
experiences his
own form of flight
as he flies down
one of the bouncy
slides set up to
entertain children
during the open
house. Children of
all ages could find
something to do
Saturday and
Sunday, including
a rock climbing
wall, a Home
Depot-sponsored
building area and
Stepping Stones to
Aviation pedal
planes.



2nd Lt. William Powell

Sydney Miles and her dad, Randy, enjoy the aerial
demonstrations Sunday. More than 21,000 people from Bay
County and beyond visited Tyndall to learn more about the
nation’s military capabilities and enjoy the demonstrations.

Briefs

RAO volunteers

The Retiree Activities Office is seeking volunteers to assist with the various tasks associated with running the office. The RAO is an all-volunteer organization that provides assistance and information to Tyndall's retiree community on retiree-related issues. Those interested in volunteering should contact the office at 283-2737 or by e-mail at tyndall.RAO@tyndall.af.mil.

Survivor Benefit Plan

Retiring members need to build an estate to protect their families from the loss of retirement benefits if they die. The SBP is an inexpensive protection that will ensure their spouse will have guaranteed income for life. Insurance and investment plans have a place in the estate plan of many retiring members, but as a supplement to SBP, not as a replacement for SBP. For more information, call Alicia Gibbons, Tyndall's SBP counselor, at 283-8392.

Gulf Defender survey

The 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office would like to know what you think would make the *Gulf Defender* better. On May 1, the PA office launched a survey to find out what you read and why; how the paper could improve; and what is important to you as a reader. The survey will run through May 30. To make the survey as simple as possible, it is available online at www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Gulf Defender editorial staff at 283-4500.

Gulf Coast Community College

GCCC will be holding a placement test 1 p.m. June 1 at the Tyndall Education Center. The cost is \$4 and there will be limited space. For more information, call 283-4332.

Heart Link

The quarterly Heart Link session at Tyndall is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today at the Enlisted Club Classics Lounge. Heart Link is a fun-filled, fast-paced, information-packed orientation for spouses affiliated with the Air Force for five years or less. Spouses of permanent party members or students are invited to attend this free program. Spouses with more than five years can also benefit from Heart Link and are invited to attend on a space available basis. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 283-4204 or 283-4205.

Exceptional Family Member Conference

The Army and Marines have announced the first-ever Exceptional Family Member Conference for DOD families of adults and children with autism or other disabilities.

Heart pumping action

Eddie Walker, left, practices cardiopulmonary resuscitation while Natalee Sbrano keeps the 'victim's' airway open during a lifeguard training exercise at the base pool May 13. Outdoor Recreation, which runs the base pool, holds the training two to three times every summer to keep their lifeguards prepared. During the exercise, a pool staff member will fall into the pool and it is up to the lifeguards to pull him out and simulate CPR.



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The conference is being sponsored by the Marines and will be held in Quantico, Va., June 1-3. Registration is \$55 per person. For more information on the conference and other classes, events and support agencies, go to www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org/personal/efmp.htm.

Asian/Pacific Heritage Month

The Asian/Pacific Heritage committee invites Tyndall to their free Food Tasting Extravaganza from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at Chapel 2. There will be different foods from across the region, as well as entertainment. Also, the APH committee will be hosting a luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club. The cost of the luncheon is \$8 for club members, \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Christina McKee at 283-8535.

National Police Week

Team Tyndall will participate and host multiple activities in observance of 2005 National Police Week. Everyone is invited to join the 325th Security Forces Squadron from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Base Exchange for a static display showcasing Air Force and local law enforcement equipment, such as vehicles, weapons and military working dogs, as well as the Drug Awareness and Resistance Education program and a bike safety inspection. For more information, call the 325th SFS police services section at 283-2558.

Powerful Parenting

The Tyndall Community Center offers Powerful Parenting for Moms and Pops of Tots each Wednesday from 9-10:30 a.m. Bring ideas on how to make this a fun, exciting and educational experience for all. For more information, contact Laurie Campbell at 286-6501 or e-mail znory7@yahoo.com.

Focus 56

Focus 56, an organization made up of staff and technical sergeants, provides a voice for the base's junior NCOs. They are committed to facilitating professionalism and growth throughout Tyndall's enlisted force. Those looking to join this growing organization can come out to the business meetings at 3 p.m. the second Friday of each month at the Enlisted Club, or to the informal socials at 3 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month at the Beacon Beach Marina. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Pompilio Alfaro, Jr., at 283-7019.

Patient travel vouchers

Effective immediately, the 325th Medical Group Resource Management Office will process patient travel vouchers 7:45 a.m. to noon on a walk-in basis and afternoons by appointment only Monday-Friday. If you have any questions on this matter or would like to make an appointment, contact Staff Sgt. Eric Williams at 283-7736.

21st Annual SAME Golf Outing

The Society of American Military Engineers will hold a golf tournament Wednesday at Pelican Point Golf Course. The tournament directly benefits local Bay County students by providing scholarship opportunities. There will be numerous prizes, awards and giveaways, including a chance to win \$10,000 and a brand new car. The tournament is open to the public. For more information contact Capt. John Lantz at 283-6489 or at john.lantz@tyndall.af.mil.

Thrift Shop hours

Normal hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Consignments are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 286-5888.

Chapel Schedule

Weekly Bible study

The Bible study "Life Without Strife" meets 6:30-8 p.m. every Tuesday night at the Spiritual Fitness building by Chapel Two, in Room 108.

Marriage class

Catholic military personnel contemplating marriage within the next six months are invited to participate in a one-day preparation being held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 4 at Chapel 2. This class is designed to help couples learn more about each other and the significance of marriage in the Catholic faith. These classes are required in advance of confirming a marriage date. To register, call 283-2925.

Catholic services

Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, Chapel Two
Reconciliation, before Saturday Mass or by appointment
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two
Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

Protestant services

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One
Religious education classes, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Bldg. 1476
Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two
Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

Muslim services

A prayer room will be open for Dhuhr Prayer Monday-Thursday in the Spiritual Maintenance building near the flightline. There will also be Jumauh services at 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month.

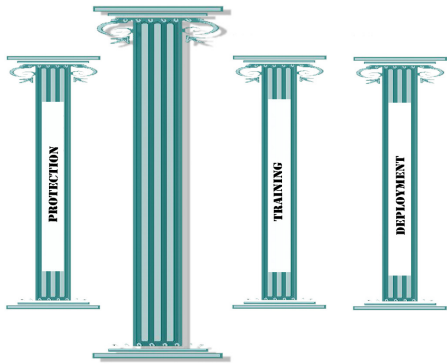


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Eye on the ball

Chad Summers winds up to smack the ball during the 325th Comptroller Squadron's softball practice Tuesday here. Squadron teams are practicing every day for the upcoming intramural softball season, which begins May 23. Last year's champion was the 325th Maintenance Squadron.

FORCE SUSTAINMENT



Diary of a Mad Black Woman
6 p.m. Thursday

Helen McCarthy has everything she wants: a nice house and a rich husband. Then her husband Charles throws her out after admitting to an affair. A distraught Helen turns to her mother, grandmother and cousin Brian who take her in and turn her back to God. Helen learns for the first time in her life to stand up on her own and is ready to remove herself from her relationship with Charles and move on with Orlando. But when her husband is almost killed by a vengeful client, Helen wonders if she has the heart to forgive him despite everything.

(All movie information courtesy of www.imdb.com. Used with permission.)

The movie selections for June have yet to be determined. Remember that all movies are subject to change without notice. Snacks are available at the Enlisted Club.

Intramural Sports Standings

Support your squadron sports programs!


The intramural softball season starts Monday. Contact your squadron sports representative to sign up. If your squadron does not have a team, ask your squadron sports representative to have your name put on the players pool list. For more information on softball or other intramural sports, contact the Tyndall Fitness Center at 283-2631.



Golf



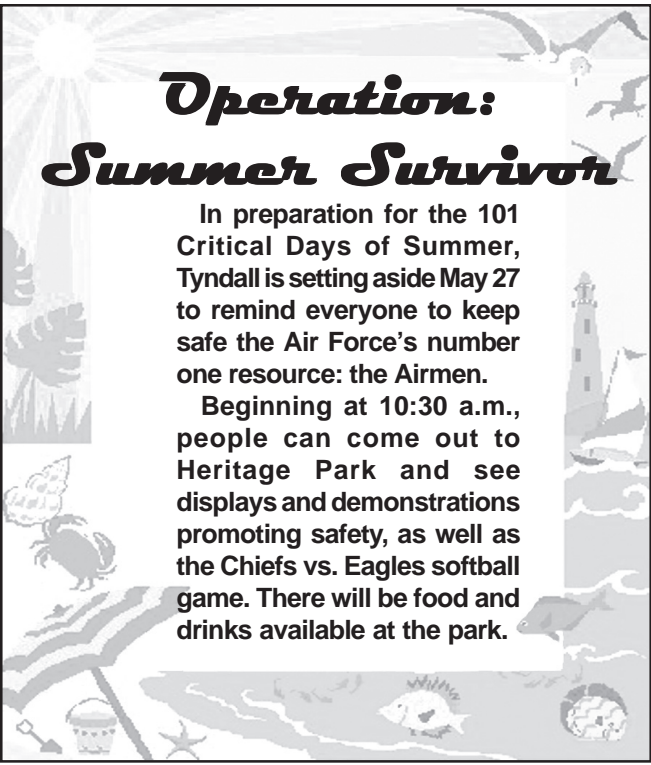
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| CONR2 | 19.5 |
| SEADS | 19 |
| CS1 | 18 |
| AMXS | 17 |
| MSS | 16.5 |
| MXS | 12.5 |
| SVS | 12.5 |
| 53rd WEG | 11.5 |
| CS2 | 11.5 |
| RHS | 11 |
| 83rd FWS | 7.5 |
| MDG | 7.5 |
| ACS | 6 |
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ORI TIP OF THE WEEK

Week 5:

If there is a problem, the inspectors will find it. Don't attempt to cover it up; be prepared to answer what you are doing to fix the problem. Don't try to criticize other areas or blame problems on others.




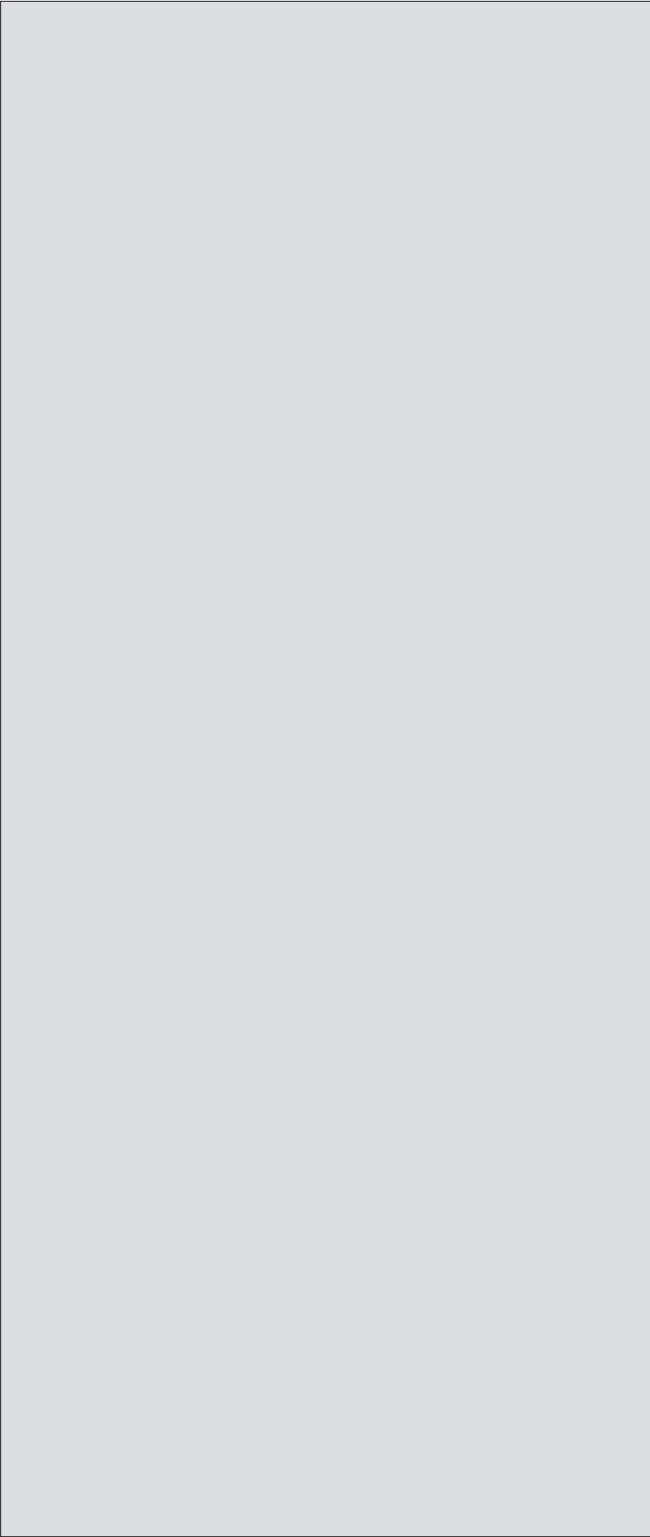
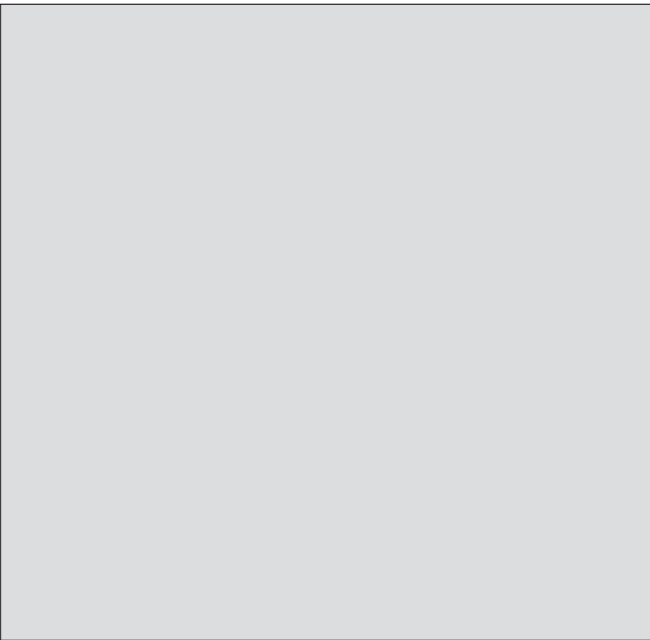
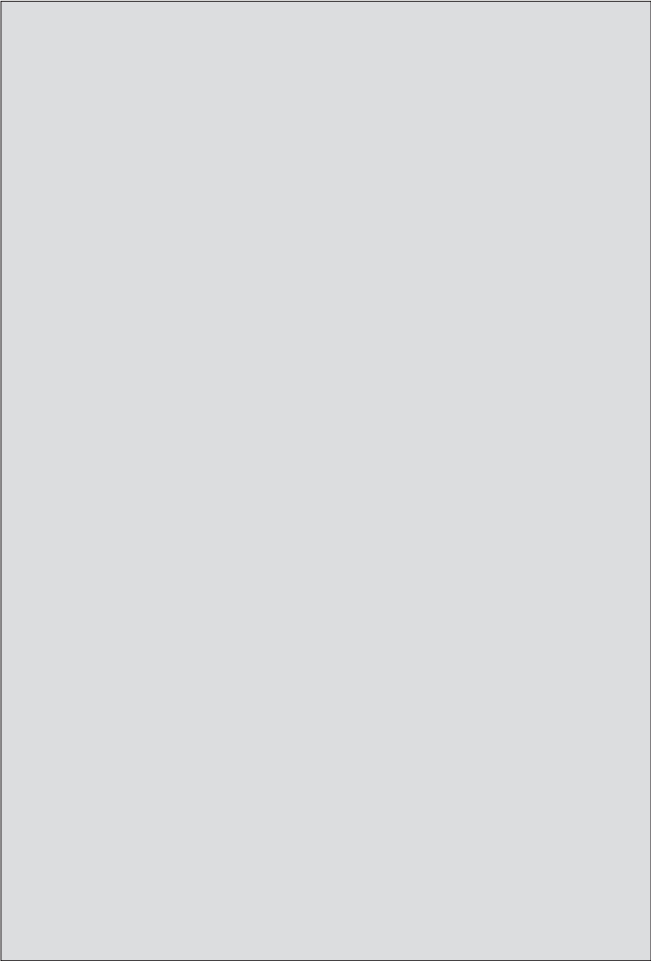
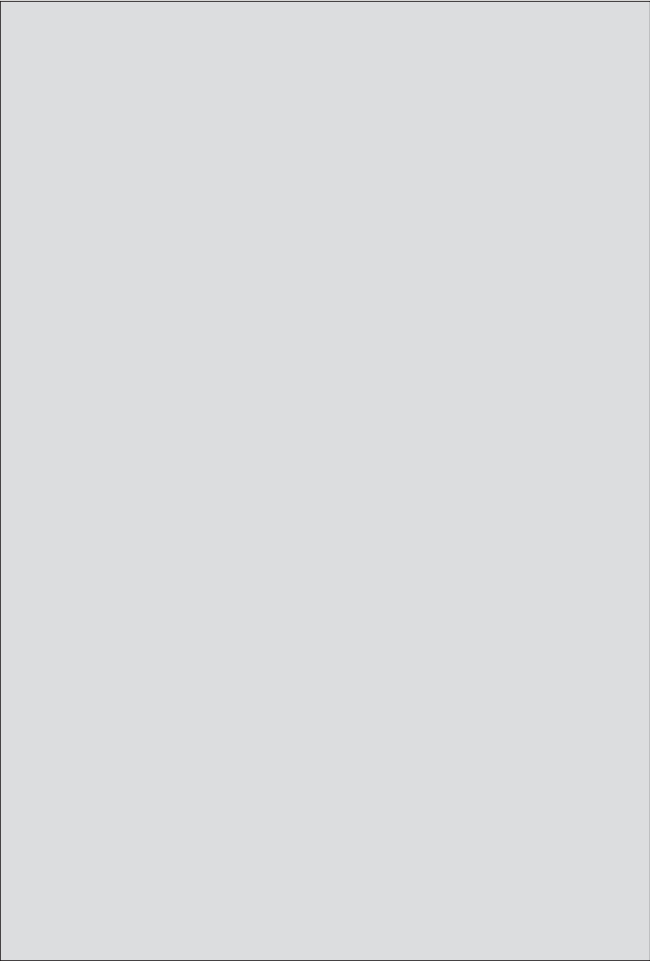
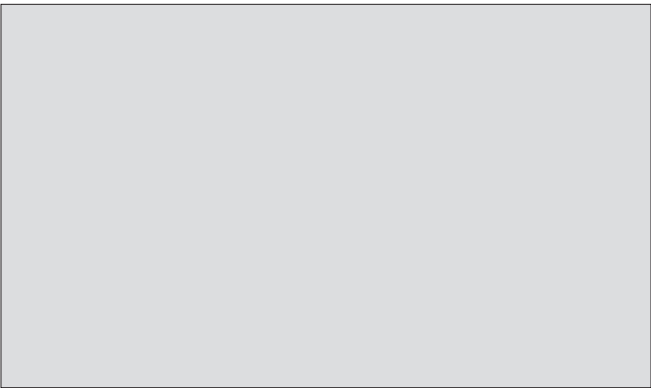
Operation: Summer Survival

In preparation for the 101 Critical Days of Summer, Tyndall is setting aside May 27 to remind everyone to keep safe the Air Force's number one resource: the Airmen.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., people can come out to Heritage Park and see displays and demonstrations promoting safety, as well as the Chiefs vs. Eagles softball game. There will be food and drinks available at the park.

Did you miss past issues of the Gulf Defender? Don't fret! We're online: www.tyndall.af.mil/News/news.htm.





Radio messages connect families to front lines

DALLAS – The Army & Air Force Exchange Service recently introduced its Patriot Family Connection program to help connect deployed military members with their loved ones back home.

The new program offers family members, friends of deployed service members and AAFES associates a chance to record their greetings, words of support and thanks. Messages can be recorded 24 hours a day, free of charge, and are forwarded to American Forces Network Radio, which is heard at locations overseas including those in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

“Recording the messages is just one small element of a larger AAFES Patriot Family marketing program that in-

cludes numerous initiatives,” said Mike Westphal, AAFES’ Marketing Directorate senior vice president. “It started with the Patriot Family Tree in December. Now, we have the Patriot Family Connection and ‘We All Have a Hand in Securing Our Freedom’ hand trace banners we’ll be sending downrange. Soon we’ll be sending dozens of banners downrange for deployed troops to sign. Then those banners will tour each AAFES region.”

The Patriot Family Connection is one of several initiatives AAFES is using to help bridge the distance between the home front and the front lines. This new program has already yielded messages from Americans expressing their support for troops serving downrange.

Doug Ford from Denton, N.C., called in his greeting, “I want to send all the best wishes to the troops. God bless y’all and thank y’all for everything you do.”

Another greeting, recorded by Jean Helen from Columbus, Ga., said, “I want to tell all the troops everywhere we’re with your families back here supporting them while you’re overseas. We love all you guys. Thank you for what you’re doing, and we appreciate your families and their bravery while they’re waiting on you.”

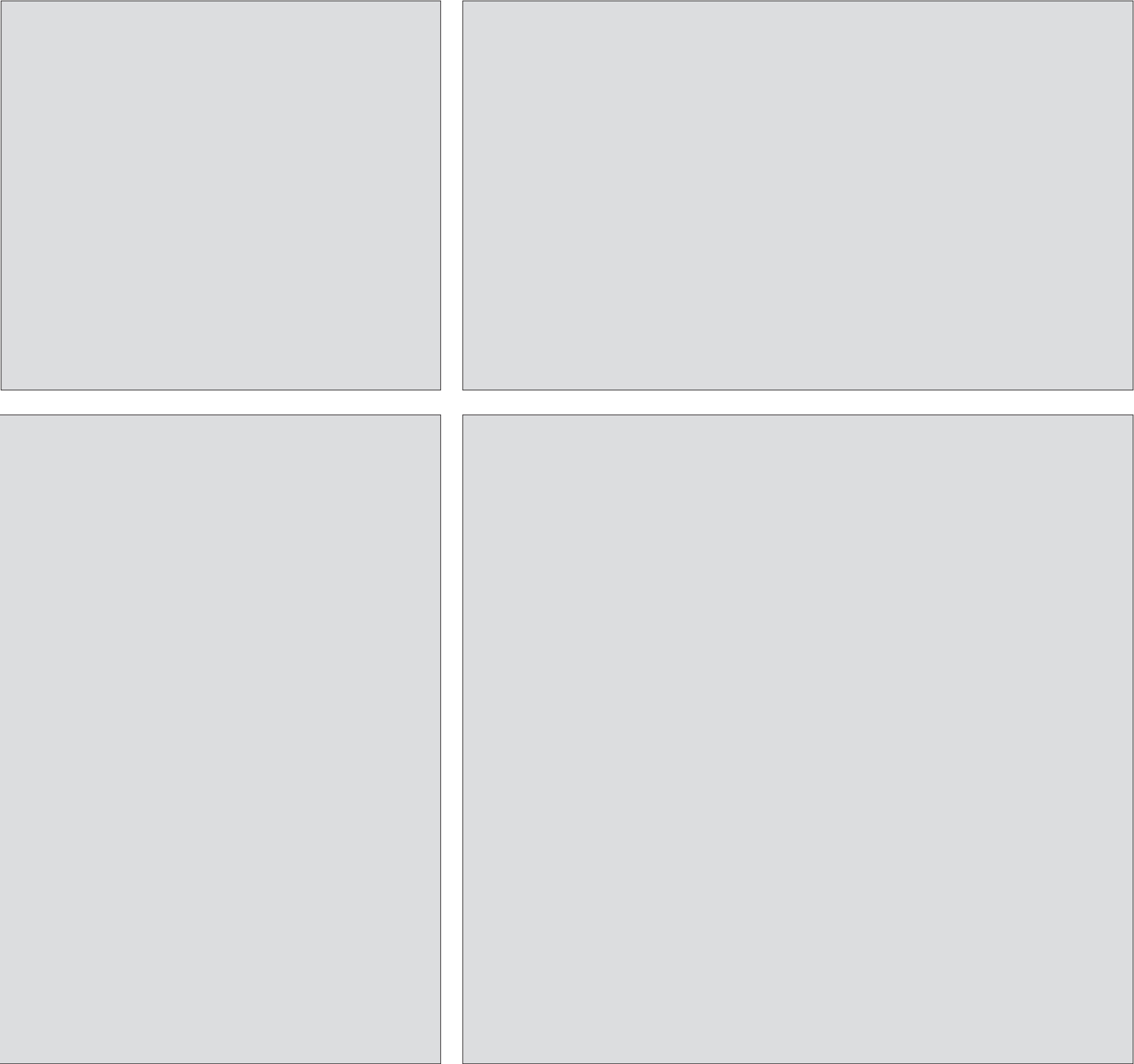
Anyone can record a message simply by calling 1-800-713-1302 and following the prompts. For more information, log on to www.AAFES.com and click on the Patriot Family link.



Do you have questions?

We have the answers!

Call the
Straight Talk Center at
(877) 529-5540,
24-hours a day.



Committee reviewing military pay package

DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – A new committee is studying the military compensation system to come up with ways to bring it more in line with what servicemembers want and operational needs demand.

The defense advisory committee on military compensation held its first public meeting May 11 to explain how Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld asked them to take a look at the current system and recommend how to make it better.

The committee will look at the whole compensation program for people in the active and reserve components, said retired Navy Adm. Donald Pilling, committee chairman and former vice chief of naval operations.

This includes basic, special and incentive pays; benefits ranging from housing to medical care; and deferred pay that includes retirement pay and survivor benefits, he said.

The committee will attempt to strike the best balance between cash and benefits, current and deferred compensation, and the need for flexibility during peacetime as well as war, Admiral Pilling said.

It will also consider the best way to compensate guardsmen and reservists who are deploying frequently to support military operations, he said.

The goal is to ensure the armed forces continue to attract and retain top-quality, highly motivated people and to ensure they and their families receive the compensation they de-

serve. That is particularly important when they are burdened by multiple deployments and family separations, Admiral Pilling said.

One issue the committee will deal with is that many servicemembers are more interested in cash in hand than retirement or other benefits.

“They tend to value current compensation more than compensation that they will not receive for 10 or 20 years, or maybe not at all,” he said.

Retirement benefits become more important later in a servicemembers’ career, when they become critical to military retention, Admiral Pilling said.

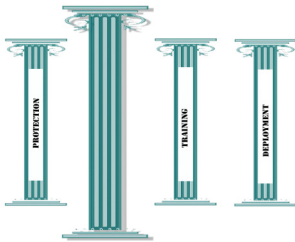
During meetings May 10 with service leaders, committee members heard “a range of views about specific changes” in the compensation package, all to be considered during the committee’s deliberations, he said.

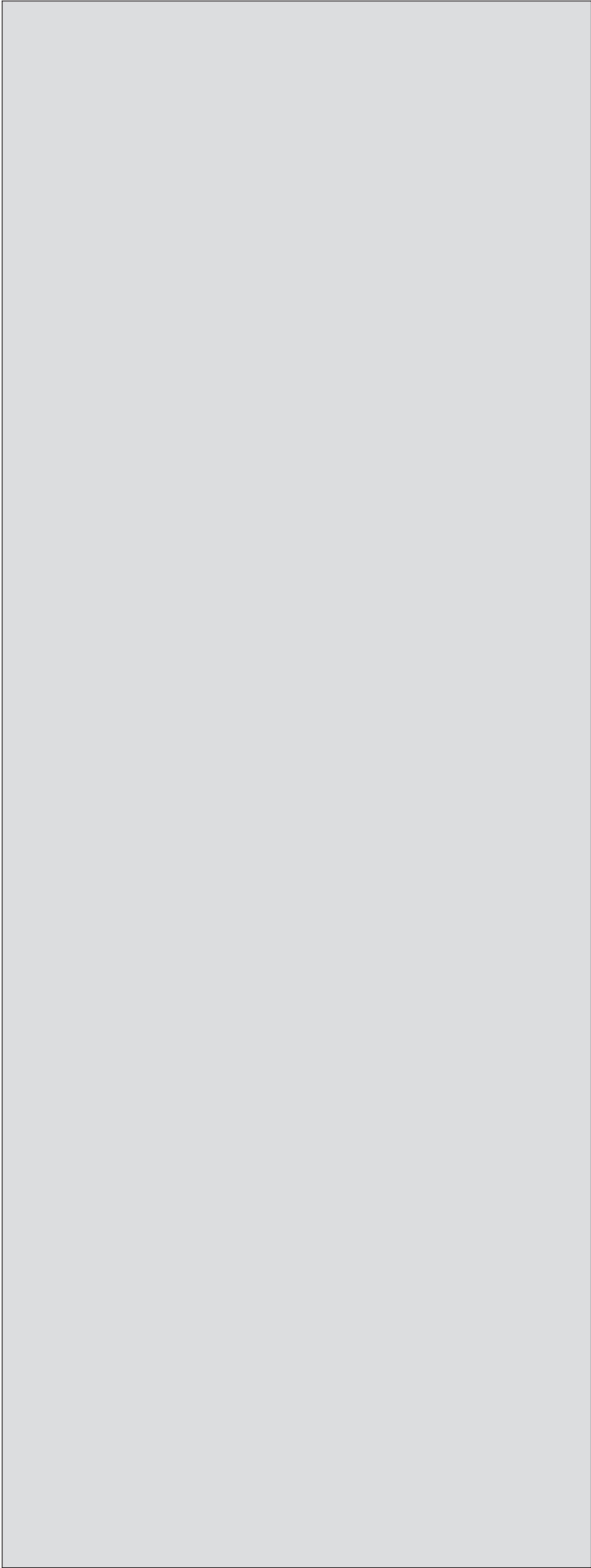
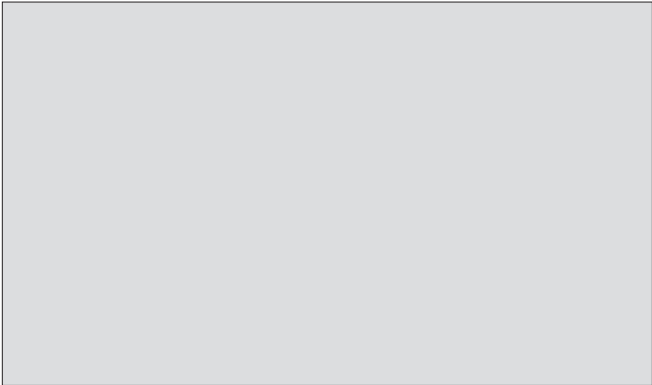
But one particular message came through loud and clear. “All asked for an architecture that allows flexibility rather than mandatory changes in compensation,” Admiral Pilling said.

Flexibility will be a key goal as the military undergoes its longest period of sustained conflict since the all-volunteer force was conceived in the early 1970s, he said.

The committee plans to present Secretary Rumsfeld an interim report of its recommendations by late September and the final report in April 2006, officials said. The next of its public meetings is scheduled for June 7.

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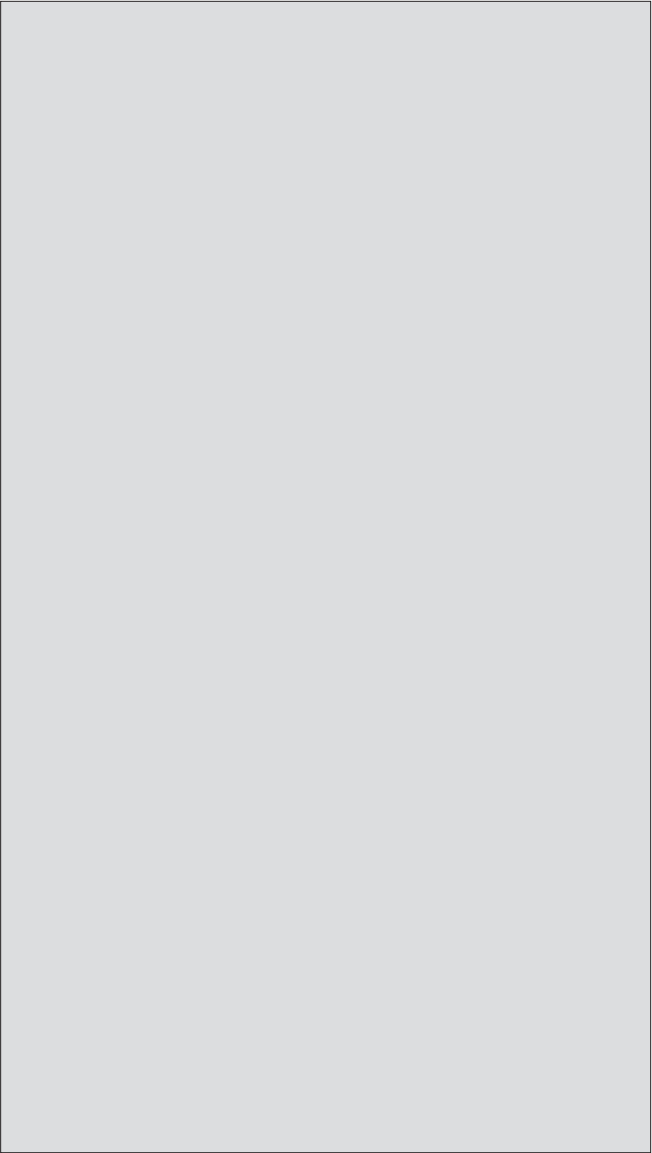
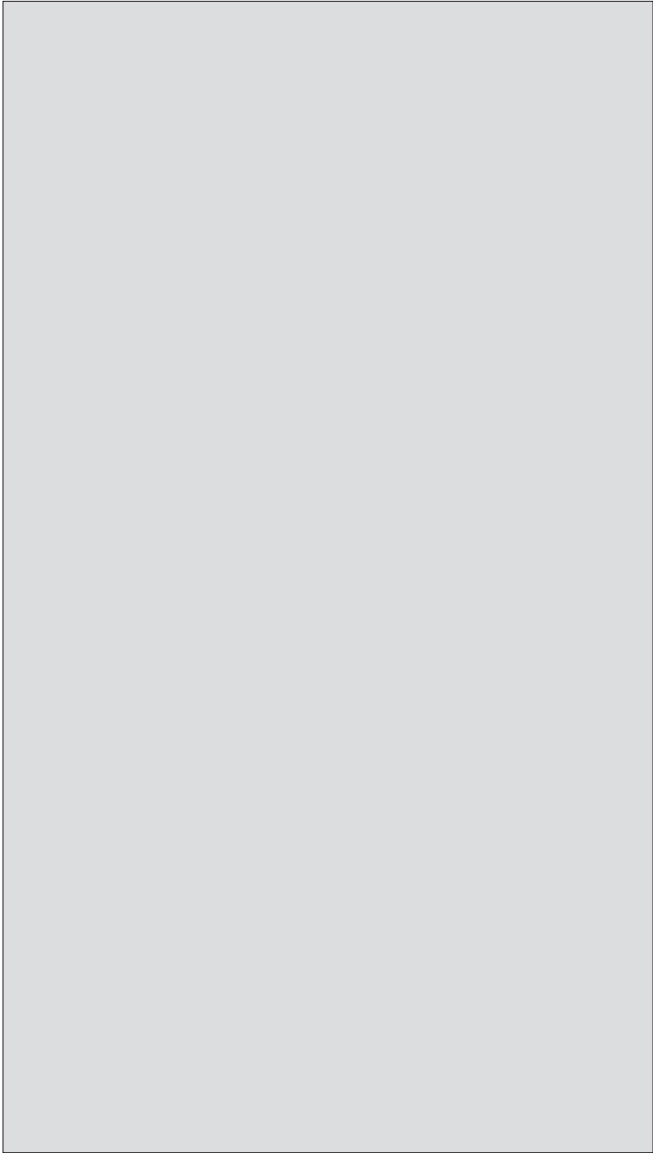




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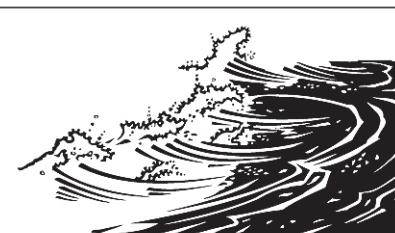
Walking the ‘line

Tyndall Airmen slowly make their way down the flightline during the wing-wide Foreign Object Debris Walk Monday. Airmen picked up any loose objects on the flightline left over from the Gulf Coast Salute 2005 Saturday and Sunday. There are constant FOD checks on the flightline, but this event was a way to get the runway ready for Tyndall's mission: Air Dominance training.





Funshine NEWS



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MAY IS FITNESS MONTH



Come out and get fit with
the Services Squadron!

Today - Squadron Challenge
swim meet

Saturday- MARATHON MANIA
1/2 Marathon
Family Fun Run
Cardiothon

Saturday - Freestyle
skateboarding
class

Monday - HAWC "Eating to be Fit"
May 27 - Chiefs vs. Eagles Softball



All ranks at the Tyndall Enlisted Club

Free Movie Night



**Diary of a Mad
Black Woman**
Rated PG-13
Movie 6 p.m.

Devoted housewife Helen and powerful attorney Charles have a picture-perfect marriage. Just as Helen begins preparations to celebrate their 20th anniversary, Charles drops his bomb: he wants to divorce Helen for her best friend. Helen takes her belongings, and her wounds, back to her family, where a grandmother figure gives Helen the strength to heal.

Snack Bar items include
Pizza, hot dogs, chili dogs,
nachos, popcorn, candy, & soda.

Youth under age 16 must be accompanied
by an adult. Movies subject to availability.

283-4357

Pizza Pub in the Tyndall Community Center

NASCAR Race Saturday!

Nextel Allstar Challenge

Race begins at 6 p.m.
Races shown at the Pizza Pub.
Prizes for participation will be given at each
event. Must be a current
club member to win.

283-3222 for details

All Ranks at the O' Club Tyndall's Famous Gulf Coast Shrimp and Seafood Bonanza

Friday, June 3 - 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Menu -

Snow Crab Station
Peel & Eat Shrimp Station
Beef Carving Station
Variety of Selected Shrimp Dishes
Breaded Shrimp
Seafood Newberg
Clam Chowder Soup
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
Steamed Rice
Hush Puppies
Vegetables
Assorted Desserts



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Skills Center

☎ 283-5411

Auto Shop Marathon

June 25 - 26 from 9:30 a.m. Saturday until
7 p.m. Sunday. Open through the night....
This is a great time to complete your
vehicle repairs or projects that take a little
longer to finish. Call 283-4511 for more
information.

Lapel Pins

We have a selection of F-15 zipper pulls and
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Community Center

☎ 283-2495

Pilates instructor

The cardio center is looking for an additional
Pilates instructor. If you have the right
qualifications, call 283-2495.

Leisure Travel

Looking for a great short vacation getaway? Check
out a five-day Key West and Bahamas Cruise out of
Jacksonville, Fla. Aug. 22. Two people can get an
inside stateroom starting at \$761, or an oceanview
stateroom starting at \$880.

Call Nancy at 283-2864 or stop by the Tyndall
Community Center Monday through Friday from
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and book your summer getaway
while fantastic military discount rates are still
available. Also, there are many other cruise and
vacation options for you to choose from.

We've Changed Our Hours



Community Center

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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday - Thursday | 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. |
| Saturday | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. |
| Sunday | 12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |

Leisure Travel Office

Tuesday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pizza Pub

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| Monday | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday - Thursday | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |

Snack Bar

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation

☎ 283-3199

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Half-day: \$225

From Port St. Joe

Full-day: \$255
Half-day: \$205

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● **FROM DIVERSE PAGE 3**
tinct community support activities. A quick survey earlier this week turned up team members who were born in eight different countries and 22 different states. The youngest troop is 18, and the “most experienced” employee on our team is 71.

We’ve got Vietnam veterans and Gulf War veterans (I and II). We’ve got a great variety of religious preferences and a host of economic and social backgrounds. What makes it all work? Just like those Red Sox of old, we’ve got a common vision and we value each other’s talents and experiences. We know that our contributions as individuals, combined with the contributions of

others, can produce remarkable results. We share core values, and we share the same sense of satisfaction that comes with being part of a successful team. This squadron is proof positive that diversity is strength.

The Air Force welcomes anyone with talents, desires, a determination to take on the toughest challenges and the willingness to dream the biggest dreams. Diversity brings out the best in each of us, so we can achieve great things together. Diversity is about finding a way to support the infinite characteristics that make each of us unique individuals with important contributions to make. Take the time to celebrate the diversity where you work.

“Diversity brings out the best in each of us, so we can achieve great things together.”

LT. COL. MARC PICCOLO
325th Services Squadron commander

● **FROM BODINE PAGE 8**
times required him to make convoy journeys throughout Iraq.

While returning to Baghdad from a recent resupply mission in Tikrit, one of the trucks in his convoy hydroplaned off the road during a rare Iraqi rainstorm and crashed into a highway barrier. The truck’s driver was injured and the convoy commander ordered the convoy to a halt to tend to the injured driver and assess the damage to the vehicle. While the driver was being extracted from the vehicle, Major Bodine and the gunner in his Humvee established a security perimeter.

“There were lots of cars on the highway and we had to be alert,” he said. “Luckily one of the convoy members was a medic and

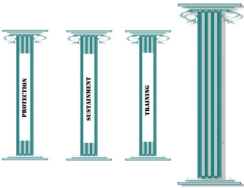
he was able to provide on-site medical care for the injured truck driver. We were able to get the convoy moving again in about 45 minutes.”

Major Bodine credits the training he received before deploying for preparing him for situations like his recent convoy. He added the training is part of a program called “Just in Time Training,” which is designed to prepare Air Force members for deployments to the CENTCOM AOR.

“I wanted training for everything offered because I had no idea what I would do over here,” he said. “The training included everything from convoy operations training and M-16 rifle training to chemical warfare and self-aid buddy-care.

“This is my first non-fly-

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ing deployment and getting ready for this deployment was quite different from previous deployments.”

Having flown combat missions during Operation Northern Watch in 2001, Major Bodine is no stranger to Iraqi airspace but says his experiences in Iraq have changed his perspective on those Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines serving on the ground in Iraq.

“The one impression I will leave Iraq with is an appreciation of the Soldier on the ground, outside the wire ... 19, 21-year-olds out there everyday, doing the job.”

